BOARD POLICY

716 Integrated Pest Management

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PURPOSE

The district shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

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DEFINITIONS

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the **managed use of combined pest control alternatives, including cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical to most effectively prevent or reduce to acceptable levels damage caused by pests.[1]**

Integrated Pest Management Plan is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.[2]

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The Board establishes that the district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.[3][4]

The Board shall adopt an **IPM** Plan for district buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.[2][4]

The Board shall designate an employee to **facilitate IPM for the district. The designated employee will be referred to** as **the district's** IPM Coordinator **or as otherwise specified at** the district.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to implement the **IPM** Plan and to coordinate communications between the district and the approved contractor.

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.[5]

The IPM Coordinator shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the district's administrative office.[5]

Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in **periodic** training**, as needed**.

GUIDELINES

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.

An **IPM** Plan shall include the education of staff, students and the public about IPM policies and procedures.

When pesticide applications are scheduled **for district** buildings and grounds, the district shall provide notification **at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance** in accordance with law, including:[5]

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1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area**, at the place to be treated**. **The sign shall remain in place for at least two (2) days following each planned treatment.**

2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the **affected** school building.

3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the district may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.[5]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] 7 PA Code 128.2
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[2] 24 P.S. 772.1
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[3] 3 P.S. 111.21
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[4] 7 PA Code 128.1
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[5] 24 P.S. 772.2
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Legal References

No additional references listed.

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